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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Walt W. Rostow

Counselor and Chairman, Policy
Planning Council
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Walt:

It was a real pleasure to have a brief chat with you at the reception for the current counterinsurgency course in the Department on Friday evening, the 21st. I was very pleased to hear of your interest in our training program, and hasten to extend to you an invitation to spend with us as much time as you can spare from your exceedingly busy official life to see what we do. The ideal thing would be to set aside some weekday so that we could whisk you by plane to our training area, allow you to see the training in action, talk to the faculty and to the students, and see the facilities. At that time we could fully brief you about what we are doing in headquarters.

While I recognize that major affairs of State command your attention all the time, I think that you would be extremely interested in seeing what is being done in this Agency. I think also that the President would find your reactions of interest, and perhaps of gratification.

We can do this at any time suitable to your convenience; if you could set aside some day in the near future. I think you would find it not only rewarding but perhaps a pleasant change.

With my very best wishes, as always.

Sincerely yours,

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